SHEED): (a) and (b) India has been taking a leading part in efforts at the United Nations and in other international fora to promote negotiations between the white minority South African Government and the reprsentatives of the African National Congress, as well as representattves of other liberation movements, in order to bring about demorcatic and non-racial government in South Africa. Since the talks were initiated in December. 1991, despite occasional setbacks, considerable progress has been recorded and India has welcomed the recent decison for full-scale resumption of constitutional negotiations. During this period, we have continued our traditional political moral and material support to the ANC.

Tapti Gas Fields

*467. SHRI ANANTRA DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to allocate natural gas of Tapti Gas Fields to Pipavav if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether State Government has submitted any proposal for developing the Tapti Gas Fields: if so, the decision taken by Central Government theroen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) It has been decided that the gas from the Mid and South Tapti fields has to be brought to Hazira to meet the existing commitments ex Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline.

(b) A proposal had been received from Government of Gujarat in 1991 for development of Mid and South Tapti fields. Government of India have since offered the Mid and South Tapti fields for development by private companies under Joint venture arrangements with ONNC.

National/International AIDS Committee

*468. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the National/International AIDS Committee was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, whether the modalities for evolving a multisectoral approach to prevent the spread of AIDS in the country was discussed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. A meeting of the National AIDS committee was held in Delih on the 15th February, 1993.

(c) The meeting endorsed that there should be a well coordinated effort to generate awareness so as to prevent risk-behaviour which facilitates the transmission of HIV and stressed the importance of associating Non-Governmental Organisations with this effort.

Ayurvedic Medical System in the country

*469. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

SHRI VREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decide to encourage Ayurvedic Medical system in the country.